GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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AIR SERVICES OF IA
Mohale Shri Punnulal

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to restart the airlines operation from those places, wherefrom the flights of Indian Airlines (IA) were discontinued;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to restart the air services to the Chakrabhata region of Bilaspur;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) & (b): The National Aviation Company of India Limited (NACIL), into which the erstwhile Air India and Indian Airlines have merged, reviews its operations from time to time and decides the operation of flights to a station keeping in mind the available capacity in its fleet and the commercial viability of operations.

(c),(d) & (e): NACIL, at present, has no plans of commencing operations to Bilaspur (Chakrabhata) as the traffic potential on this route as per its asseessment is not sufficient to sustain commercially viable operations with the jet type of aircraft, available in its fleet.